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Title: USE OF A PLASMA SOURCE TO FORM A LAYER
DURING THE FORMATION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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§ Examiner: Lisa Kilday
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 15, 2002

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Applicants herein respond to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-14, 19, 23-24, 29-32, and 36-43 are pending.

Claims 1-8, 10-14, 19, 23-24, 29-32, and 36-43 are rejected.

Applicants request reconsideration of claims 1-8, 10-14, 19, 23-24, 29-32, and 36-43.

I. Rejection of claims under §112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 10-14, 19, 23-24, 29-32, and 36-43 under §112 ¶1, arguing that Applicants should demonstrate the Specification's disclosure of a reasonable number of species representing "today's broad genus encompassing the